

Claim Listing

1. (currently amended). An earth-working bucket adapted for conversion to a combination excavator and subsoiler implement and further adapted for pivotal attachment to an excavating machine, comprising:

(a) opposing side walls joined by a generally concave pan, said pan having a leading edge at the bottom of the bucket and a trailing edge at the top of the bucket, and each of said side walls having an edge in proximity to said leading pan edge and trailing pan edge, wherein together said leading pan edge, trailing pan edge and said side wall edges define a bucket opening, and further wherein each of said opposing side walls comprises an extension that is exterior to said pan and is tapered toward said open end of the socket, said extension comprising a coulter blade;

(b) pivotal attachment means ~~near~~ secured to the top of said bucket and;

(c) a shank socket incorporated into each of said opposing side walls and having an open end, said socket adapted to receive and secure a proximal end of a subsoiling shank having a substantially pointed, earth-working distal end, wherein said open end of said socket and said bucket opening are oriented in generally opposite directions from one another.

2. (original). The earth-working bucket of Claim 1, wherein said shank socket is adapted to receive at least one removable fastener for securing said subsoiling shank within said socket.

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3-4. (canceled).

5. (original). The earth-working bucket of Claim 1, and further comprising a subsoiling shank secured within said shank socket.

6. (original). The earth-working bucket of Claim 5, wherein said subsoiling shank lies substantially in a first plane and comprises at least one wing lying in a second plane that is substantially perpendicular to said first plane.

7. (original). The earth-working bucket of Claim 5, wherein said subsoiling shank has a curvilinear profile.

8. (currently amended). The earth-working bucket of Claim ~~7~~ 6, wherein the bottom of the bucket lies in a third plane and the distal end of said subsoiling shank extends from the shank socket to beyond said third plane.

9-15. (canceled).